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Mr. David Waddell Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

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Re:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance (InterLata) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

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Docket No: 97-00309

Dear David:

In response to the Notice of Filing on March 6, 2002, on behalf of the WorldCom/MCI entities, we apologize for any inconvenience caused by the delay of this response to the original inquiry of September 20, 2001. Due to corporate acquisitions and the restructuring and reorganization associated therewith, over the period of time this docket has been active, the entities participating in the above proceeding have changed. The following information should resolve the issues referenced in the Notice.

MCI Telecommunications Corporation was the entity (then wholly owned by MCI Communications, Inc.) that provided mass markets and business services such as interLATA and intraLATA service in Tennessee when the company originally intervened in the above-captioned proceeding. In September 1998, as the TRA is aware, MCI Communications, Inc. was acquired by WorldCom, Inc.

In September 1999, WorldCom, Inc. underwent an internal reorganization of its wholly-owned certificated entities. All pertinent information regarding this transaction was filed at the TRA (Docket 99-00433) and was approved on July 13, 1999. Pursuant to the reorganization, the entity that intervened in the above-captioned proceeding, MCI Telecommunications Corporation, became "MCI WorldCom Network Services, Inc.", which currently is the entity through which the wholesale side of the company operates. At the time of the reorganization, MCI Telecommunications Corporation's products were moved to "WorldCom Technologies, Inc.", which changed its name to MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. is one of the certificated entities that should be a party in the above proceeding.

MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC is the successor by name change from MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC is a certificated CLEC in Tennessee and a wholly-owned subsidiary of WorldCom, Inc. Similarly,

Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc. is a certificated CLEC in Tennessee and a wholly-owned subsidiary of WorldCom, Inc. Both MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc. are appropriate parties to the above proceeding because both are providing competitive local exchange services in Tennessee today.

Going forward, therefore, the entities participating in this docket will be MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and **Brooks Fiber Communications of Tennessee, Inc.**

This correspondence should be responsive to the March 6, 2002 Notice of Filing.

Very truly yours,

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By: Jon E. Hastings

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cc: Certificate of Service

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I hereby certify that on the 14th day of March, 2002, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via hand-delivery, overnight delivery or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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